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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 1977 requesting information about a defoliation campaign in Cambodia for Senator John Melcher to provide to Professor E. W. Pfeiffer of the University of Montana.

CIA was not involved in any defoliation campaigns which may have occurred in Cambodia in the spring of 1969. Our records reveal that Professor Pfeiffer made earlier inquiries on this matter through the Church Committee in 1975. Professor Pfeiffer was subsequently provided with documentary materials from CIA holdings attesting to the fact that CIA has never been involved in alleged defoliation exercises in Cambodia; these materials were turned over to Professor Pfeiffer through FOIA channels and copies are available in FOIA and Office of Legislative Counsel files at CIA Headquarters.

We have no information relative to the question concerning the outcome of U. S. negotiations with Cambodia and French rubber interests to pay for damages resulting from alleged clandestine attacks.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of 25 May requesting information
about a defoliation campaign in Cambodia for a constituent of
Senator John Melcher.

I have asked the appropriate elements of this Agency to look
into your questions and you may expect a reply shortly.

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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May 25, 1977

The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Select Committee on Intelligence has been asked by Senator John Melcher of Montana to obtain answers to two questions being asked by Professor E.W. Pfeiffer of the University of Montana. These questions deal with the defoliation campaign in Cambodia during the Indochina war and are as follows:

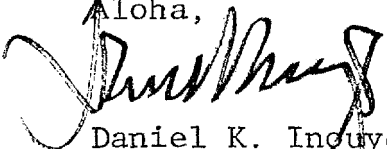
1. Who was responsible for the clandestine defoliation attacks on Eastern Cambodia in the spring of 1969?
2. What was the outcome of U.S. negotiations with Cambodia and French rubber interests to pay for damages resulting from the clandestine attacks?

Professor Pfeiffer, who was a member of a special commission invited by the Cambodian Government to view the defoliated area, appears convinced that CIA through Air America was responsible for the defoliation effort.

I would appreciate your help in providing as full an answer as possible to these questions.

With Best Wishes,

Aloha,


Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman

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